DOINGS IN DIXIE.

A Romance Amid the Orange Groves of Florida.

By W. H. Winslow, late Acting Master U. S. N.

Black Point projects into the St. Johns River, Fla., like an index finger. It was heavily wooded, swampy in the interior, and sandy along shore. During the civil war it was a pest with a sting of rifle bullets for the U. S. Naval men who ventured within range. The little gunboat in the channel occasion ally swept its thickets and splintered fts trees with hurtling grape-shot and bursting shell, but the Confederate sharpshooters seemed to know when to crawl into their holes or to be absent at Gen. Finnegan's camp, five miles away, and out of range of Naval guns. The black river was bright with glittering scales and flashing fins of fish where the sluggish current ran near the point, and the sailors of the man-ofwar would at intervals become careless, venture too near the river's bank, and receive grievous wounds in punishment of their temerity and piscatorial avarice.

An orange plantation lay along the river's bank above the point, and its golden fruit and the hospitality of the dapper Naval officers received from blanter's family were much appreciated by the officers of the gunboat. An aged and feeble grandmother asked treatment by the ship's Surgeon; the planter discussed water power and windmills with the Chief Engineer; the overseer dickered over exchange of fresh vegetables and fruit for ship supplies with the Paymaster, and two beautiful daughters arranged excursions along the planter's family officers received from dapper Naval officers freelved from dapper Nav planter's family were much appreciated by the officers of the gunboat. An aged daughters arranged excursions along the river and parties on shipboard. To the storm-tossed mariners all women were angels, and a ten-cent calico dres looked like a dollar silk. Neutral na-tives and loyal Northerners contributed to each other's pleasure and whiled away the sunny hours in that sandy peninsula, which was too remote from great armies and populous cities to feel the victssitudes and terrors of war. Unimportant skirmishes along the rivers and the coast, and a few mimic con-tests of arms tumbled Florida into the Union, and permitted its forces almost undisputed dominion.

The ship's Surgeon discovered one day

a little boat—a dingey—drifting down the river, and the deck officer let him have a cutter and crew to secure it. Ever afterwards he claimed it as his property, and used it to make his professional visits to the home of the sick grandmother and the beautiful young women. Ship work and discipline could not spare a boat's crew every time duty called him on shore, and the Chief En-gineer often accompanied him, to present to the planter new ideas of aerial and aqueous machines. It happened one day that, musing upon their freedom from ship routine, the gracious hospitality of the plantation, and the charms of Miss Hattie and Miss Sallie, the two worthy officers rowed incautiously too near Black Point. They were suddenly aroused from reverle by a loud hall: "Heyah, yo' Yanks! Come ashore naew, if yo' knows what's gude

The startled officers saw a log on the shore of the point, and looked into the muzzles of half a dozen muskets, and accepted the invitation to land and surrender to Lieut. Bradley, leader of the "Bushwhackers," or "Florida Regulators," as they were designated—an irregular force akin to home guards, holding only a non-dation to the Confederate army. The transition rebeing prisoners of war shocked the ten-der sensibilities of the Naval men, and they trembled in anticipation of a terrible fate. They were armed only with paper plans and pill bottles and claim ed to be on peaceful missions. The manufactory of wind-mills at Jackson-ville. The Doctor asserted he had exhausted the ship's medicines in treating the natives from Mayport to Lake the pine cones; and his squad of men glowered threateningly beneath their slouch hats. The prisoners knew guerrillas did not respect the laws of war, neath a pine tree. Their menu of pone, Capt. Pearson startled everyone with or show much mercy to their captured pork and sweet potatoes contrasted an exclamation; enemies. The outcome seemed threat-harshly with the luxurious table of the "Gen. Finnegan, these gentlemen enemies. The outcome seemed threat-ening. Bradley was a good natured fel-

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iow from a neighboring plantation, but he was jealous of the attentions the dapper Naval officers received from "I will see what can be done, Miss

cried the fair lady, decidedly, petulant ly. "Think of it, General. These gen-tlemen are not fighting men. One cares for the ship's machinery or engines; the other looks after the health of the crew and the people along the river, including our family. All our good Southern doctors are in the Confederate army, and I do not know what we shall do—what my poor, dear grandma would do, if she cannot have a skillful physician." Tears came into the lady's pretty eyes and the General

coughed uneasily.
"I will be obliged to refer the matter to Gen. Hardee, at Savannah," said the General in a sympathetic tone of voice. "But that would take much time, and what would grandma do in the meantime?"

"I might let the Doctor ride daily vith a guard over to the river and back again.'

"Ride thirty miles a day! He couldn't do it, General. Sailors don't know how to ride. I read about one who carried an anchor and rope and threw the an-chor when he wished to stop the horse." The gentlemen laughed and the lady smiled thru her tears.

"Then you think it is a matter of life and death, whether or not your grandma has her medical attendant, do you, Miss Hattie?" asked the General. "Indeed, I do, sir; and the Engineer ought to be let go, too. He does no fighting—and Sallie—pa and he are planning a wind-mill and a deep well

hummock to Finnegin's camp. It was The guard was dismissed from the



"THEY ARE MY FRIENDS AND MUST BE LIBERATED AT ONCE." a dreadful tramp for the tender sea-| door, the General withdrew awhile, and

And man never trod before."

harshly with the luxurious table of the ship, and their beds of pine boughs and one blanket were not like luxurious not our prisoners. If you will rememfiring party of soldiers to march them out for execution. The sneers and insults of the ragged Confederate soldiers between us and the enemy sults of the ragged Confederate soldiers filed them with indignation, although the soldiers were captured about to the sneers and insults of the ragged Confederate soldiers filed them with indignation, although the soldiers were captured about the sneed of prisoners. During that truce, which ended at noon, all hostile measures between us and the enemy sults of the ragged Confederate soldiers filed them with indignation, although the sneed of prisoners. During that truce, which ended at noon, all hostile measures between us and the enemy soldiers to granted. I will order an estimate, or truce. Sinss matte, your and Andersonville of the names, regiments, etc., of those who there died; and, if so, was the record complete or incomplete?

I believe the dead were interred in gives me great pleasure.

qualled beneath the military bluster of their exultant guards.

The guard conducted them after breakfast to a log cabin, where Gen.

Finnegan received them kindly and asked about mutual acquaintances; but the prisoners were ill at ease and thot his courtesy might be preliminary to a death sentence.

The conference was interrupted by a covered from his surprise, he said,

picket's cry, and a commotion on the side of the encampment, where a sandy road emerged from the forest and the patter of a horse's hoofs came nearer and nearer, and ceased at the cabin door. Half a dozen officers surrounded the panting, foam-flecked steed, as a beautiful girl tossed the bridle reins to eager hands and dismounted gracefully. She greeted several of the officers as acquaintances, and asked to be con-

lucted to Gen. Finnegan. "Have you taken any prisoners late ly?" she asked, panting from the exertion of her rapid ride, "Yes, Miss Hattie; Lieut, Bradley Bradley brought in yesterday two Naval

officers whom he had taken at Black Point," replied a staff officer exultantly. A Surgeon and an Engineer?" 'Yes, Miss R-

"They are my friends and must be liberated at once. Where is the Gen-"In the cabin, and the prisoners are

with him. Miss Hattie went with Capt, Pearson past the Orderly at the door and en-tered the house unannounced, The three occupants sprang to their feet, greatly surprised by her sudden appearance and radiant beauty. She smiled and nodded to the Naval officer

and gave her hand to the General, who greeted her with the delicacy and courtesy of a cavaller, and gave her the "This is a great surprise, Miss Hat-tie," said he; "you must have started before sunrise and ridden hard to ar-

rive so early in camp."
"Yes, General; the stars were paling

"Quite well, thank you, except grandma; she is in the care of an excellent physician from the gunboat, and now you have captured him and stopped his visits. I came to ask you to free him.

The General smiled and pursed his lips to whistle, and the Doctor blushed at his compliment. "Anything in the Articles of War about such a case, Capt. Pearson?" asked th. General. "Not that I ever read," replied the Captain, grinning.

"There should be-there must be

George, and he hoped to continue his good work after the war. The Lieutenant rattled his saber—one he had secured after the battle of Olustee—chewed his red moustache, and kicked.

And man never trod before."

a dreadful tramp for the tender seadow, the General withdrew awhile, and the lady and her Naval friends entered into lively conversation concerning the capture, the march and the wild ride of the morning.

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The frugal breakfast was finished and Gen. Finnegan received the prisoners Miss R—— was appealing to the Gencordially, and put them under guard been eral to be merciful to her friends, when

bunks in cosy state-rooms. They watch-ed the clouds and star twinkles thru were captured, we had a flag of truce out for execution. The sneers and insults of the ragged Confederate soldiers were, or ought to have been, suspended. gives me great pleasure.

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of the hour on the little gunboat which was anchored off Black Point. The orange trees were fragrant with bloom at the plantation, and Surgeon Willet and Miss Hattle were married beneath them in the midst of a merry company of neighbors, Naval men and soldiers of the two rival armies—the two commanding Generals having arranged a truce by the white flag that neutralized hostilities for the day. The blue and the gray fraternized and enjoyed the hospitality of the occasion, as they often did on the picket lines around Richmond, Gen. Finnegan complimented the bride on her unique method of securing the safety of her beloved, and the comfort of her poor, dear grandma; and the sailors fished in

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